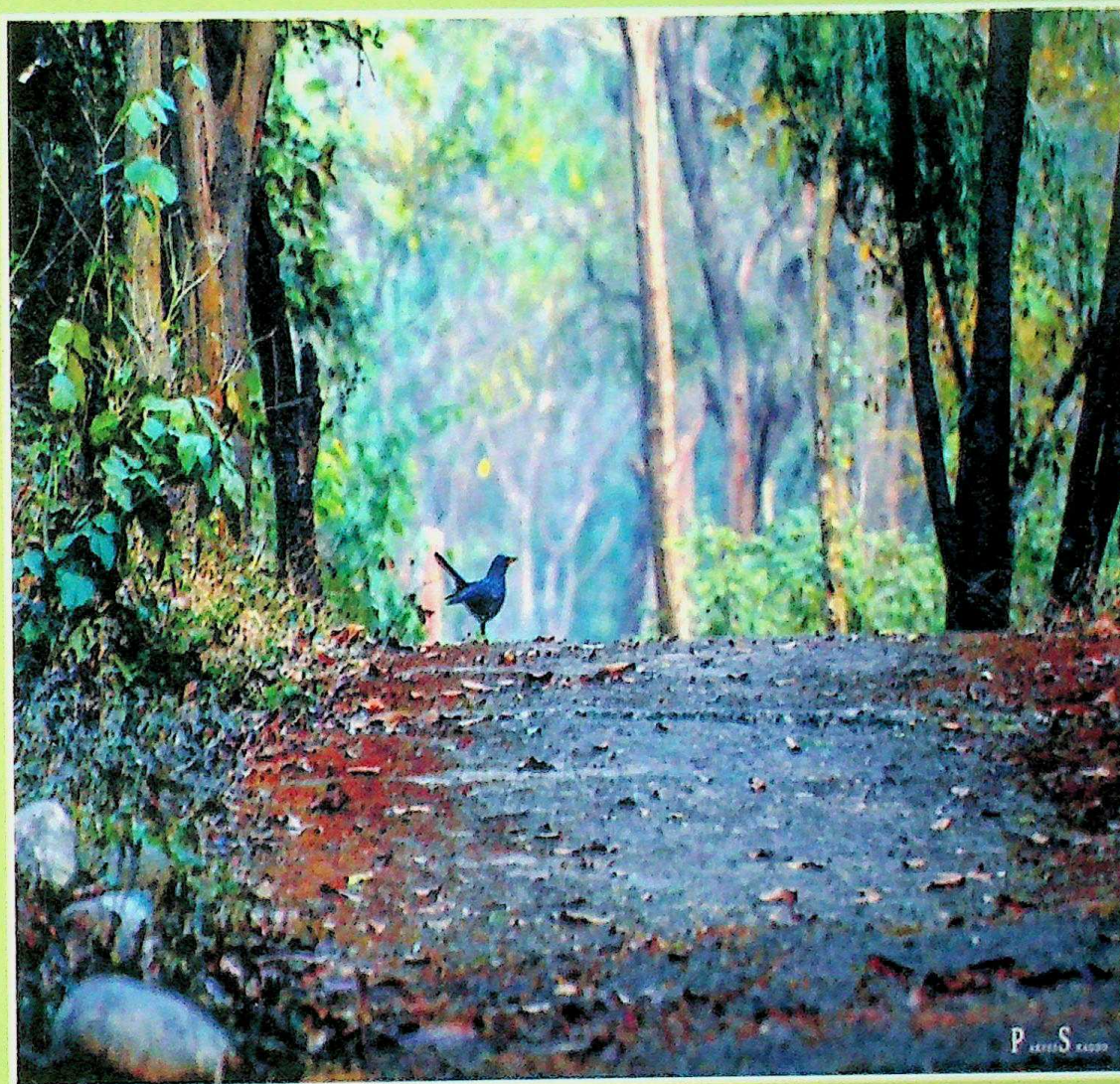


BIRDS OF ENVIRONMENT PARK, RAIKA - JAMMU



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The "Birds of Environmental Park Raika, Jammu" is my maiden attempt to document the bird diversity found in & around the park. The field sightings documented would certainly help the visitors in identification and develop love for birds.

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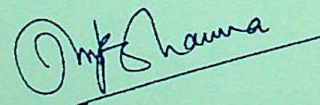
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PREFACE

Birds are feathered friends seen in forests, grasslands, wetlands & city surroundings. They play an important ecological role in the forest ecosystem, pollinate flowers, help in forest seed germination, disperse seeds, eat away insect pests and indicate health of our surroundings.

Environment Park "Raika" located adjacent to Jammu city has a rich diversity of avian- fauna. Visitors to the park look for handy guidance to know the flora and fauna. Parvez Shagoo, a passionate bird watcher, working in J&K Forest Department, has done a commendable job in field photography of about 40 common and rare birds seen in and around the Environment Park Raika, Jammu.

Efforts put in by Parvez Shagoo are acknowledged & appreciated.



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1. Alexandrine Parakeet

Scientific Name : *Psittacula eupatria*

Local Names :

Parrot (English), Tota (Hindi)

Family : *Psittacidae*

Present Status:

Common but lesser in number than the Rose Ringed Parakeet. Can be seen flying inside and outside Raika Environmental park at regular intervals.



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is very common in this region and spotted inside the Raika Environmental Park too. Flocks in groups together. It has a maroon patch on its shoulder with a massive red coloured bill. The female lacks the black chin and a pink collar as seen in the picture above. It is often spotted in wooded areas and produces a loud sound. It is larger in size than the Rose ringed parakeet.

Interesting To Know: *Its named after Alexander the Great who is credited with exporting it from Punjab to various European Countries. The bird was considered as a prized possession for the nobles and royals*

2. Ashy Prinia or Ashy Wren Warbler

Scientific Name : *Prinia socialis*

Local Names : *Fatooni (Dogri)*

Family : *Cisticolidae*

Present Status:

Widespread and very common during summers around urban gardens of Jammu and inside the Raika Environmental park.



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Narwal Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a red coloured eye and a white supercilium. The crown and ear coverts are slate grey, Also has a black sub-terminal mark to tail feathers with whitish tips. Found near tall grasses and scrub forests. Its voice is loud and can be heard from a distance.

Interesting to Know: *It is insectivorous and make a sound like electric sparks which is believed to be produced by its wings*

3. Asian Koel

Scientific Name : *Eudynamys scolopaceus*

Local Names :

Koel (Hindi), Kali Kol (Dogri)

Family : *Cuculidae*

Present Status:

A resident breeder widely found in Jammu

(Left: Female Right : Male)



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Manda Jammu

4. Brown Headed Barbet

Scientific Name : *Megalaima zeylanica*

Local Names :

Kudro (Dogri), Basanta (Dogri)

Family : *Megalaimidae*

Present Status:

Widespread Resident breeder .Found occasionally at Raika and its surrounding area



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Jammu University

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a long tail. The male is black in colour with a red eye while the female is brown above with white spots and has a red coloured eye too.

Interesting to Know: Asian koel is a brood parasite that lays its eggs in the nests of crows and other hosts who raise its young. It is traditionally held in high regard for its song. It's the state bird of Pondicherry

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

An arboreal species of garden and wooded areas. Eats fruits and insects. The adult has a brown streaked head, neck and breasts. The streaking is absent on belly. It has an orange patch around the eye which extends to the bill. The bill is reddish orange. Rest of the plumage is green. Its very noisy in hot weather. The call is a repetitive Kutroo...Kutroo

5. Brahminy Starling or Brahminy Myna

Scientific Name :

Sturnia pagodarum

Local Names : Shaari (Bhaderwahi)

Family : Strunidae

Present Status:

Widespread resident often seen around various locations of Jammu

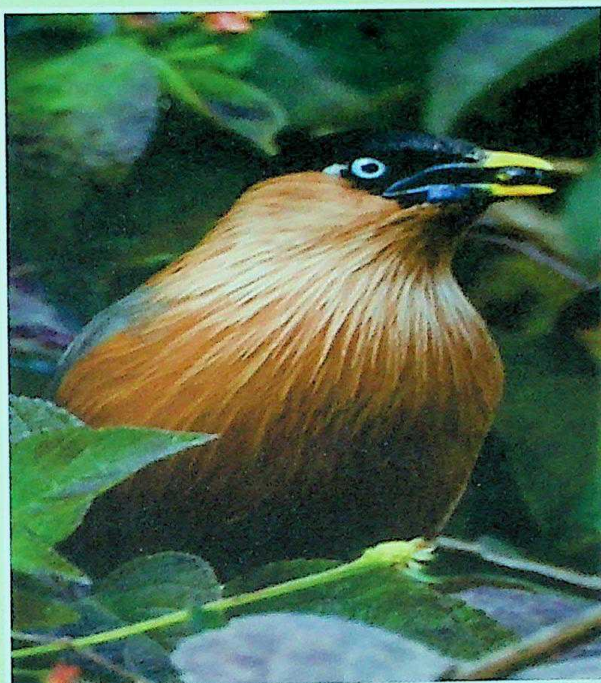


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Samba

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A member of starling family of birds often seen in pairs in the plains of Jammu. Adult has a black crest with rufous orange sides of head and under parts. The bill is yellow in colour. Juvenile lacks the crest but has a grey-brown cap, a duller bill. Its omnivorous eating fruits and insects.

Interesting to Know: They have been known to feed on *Thevetia peruviana* which are toxic to many vertebrates. Its name refers to the traditional Brahmin choti (hairstyle)

6. Bar Tailed Tree Creeper or Himalayan Treecreeper

Scientific Name : *Certhia himalayana*

Local Names : Lam Diddar (Dogri)

Family : Certhiidae

Present Status:

Resident but rarely seen



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a curved bill and dark cross barring on its tail, a white throat and dull whitish under parts. The feather pattern and its colouration helps it to blend with its forest surrounding that makes it difficult to sight.

7. Blue Whistling Thrush

Scientific Name : *Myophonus caeruleus*

Local Names :

Hazar Dastan (Urdu), Gadkol (Pahadi), Bhatt
Bhatel (Dogri)

Family : *Muscicapidae*

Present Status:

Resident and widespread. Recorded at temperate regions as well as the plains of Jammu



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

Its known for its whistling song. Adult is dark blue in colour with shiny spangling on the tips of the body feathers. The colour of the bill is yellow and it often feeds on the ground close to streams. The juvenile is browner and lacks blue spangling. They feed on fruits, earthworms, insects etc.

8. Black Redstart

Scientific Name :

Phoenicurus ochruros

Local Names : Thirthira (Hindi)

Family : *Muscicapidae*

Present Status:

Resident and found at all locations of Jammu plains



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

Male has a black or dark grey upperparts, has a black breast and rufous under parts. Females are brown in colour with rufous orange wash on belly. It is socially monogamous

Interesting to Know : The male pairs with a female who rears the its young ones. The mail guards the female against other males and mates with other females too.

9. Black Drongo

Scientific Name : *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Local Names :

Kali Laant (Dogri), Kotwal, Bhujanga (Hindi)

Family : *Dicruridae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A black bird with a forked tail often known by the name "King Crow". Has a white spot near its beak and duller eyes that differentiate it from the ashy drongo. Often feeds on insects.

Interesting to Know: *Its known by the name 'King Crow' for its aggressive behaviour towards larger birds like crows who try to invade its territory.*

10. Black Kite

Scientific Name : *Milvus migrans*

Local Names :

Gaant (Kashmiri), Ill (Dogri), Cheel (Hindi)

Family : *Accipitridae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident with a huge population

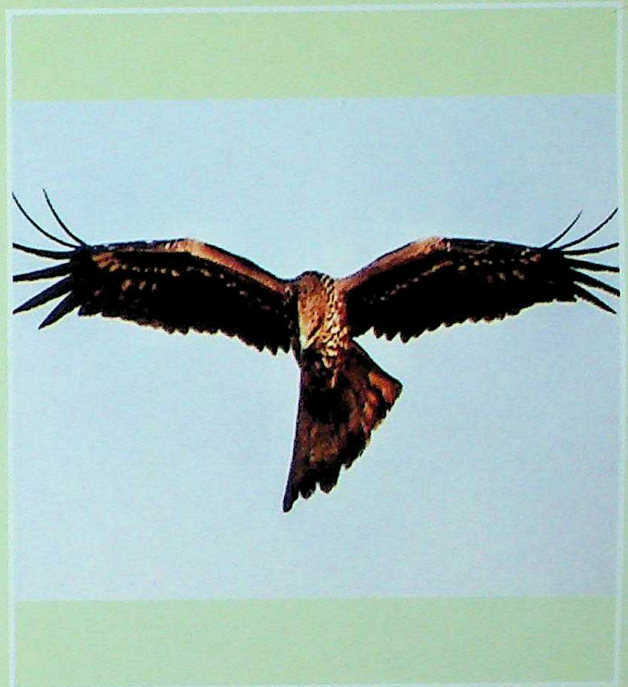


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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's the world's most abundant bird of prey and an opportunistic hunter known to prey on small birds. Can be often seen soaring in the sky in search of food. Has a brown plumage with variable whitish crescent at primary base on the under wings. The body feathers have dark shafts giving it a streaked appearance. Can be distinguished from the black eared kite by its smaller size.

11. Cinereous Tit

(Previously known as Great Tit)

Scientific Name : *Parus cinereus*

Local Names :

Rang Tser (Kashmiri), Gangra (Hindi)

Family : *Paridae*

Present Status:

Resident and widespread at almost all the locations of J&K



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

Was earlier treated as a sub species of Great tit. Now as per the new classification all the Great Tits found in India and names as Cinereous tits. The bird has a grey back with white under parts with a black hood and a white cheek patch. Mainly forages on insects, often seen holding them with their feet.

12. Common Tailorbird

Scientific Name :

Orthotomus sutorius

Local Names : Darzi (Urdu)

Family : *Cisticolidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident in parts of Jammu



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a shy bird with long pale bill and a rufous forehead. The upperparts are greenish with a long upright tail. The under parts are slightly whitish. The juveniles lack the rufous forecrown. They are often found singly or in pairs and mostly feed on insects and beetles.

Interesting To Know: Tailorbirds are known to favour the inflorescences of Mango (*Mangifera indica*). Derives its name from its nest construction habit. The stitch is made by piercing two leaves and drawing a fibre through them.

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13. Common Chiffchaf

Scientific Name: *Phylloscopus collybita*

Local Names: *Pattar Fatooni (Dogri)*

Family: *Phylloscopidae*

Present Status: Winter Visitor often seen during winters around bushes.



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a migratory passerine leaf warbler with whitish supercilium and greyish to brownish upper parts. The rump has an olive green cast as seen in the picture above. Under parts are whitish with grey sides. Both the legs and bill is black in colour. Its name after its Chiffchaf song. It generally feeds on insects

14. Common Myna

Scientific Name :

Acridotheres tristis

Local Names :

Her (Kashmiri), Gataari (Dogri), Maina (Hindi)

Family : *Sturnidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident in all parts of J&K.



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is seen in flocks in both wooded as well as urban areas of Jammu. It has a black glossy head and a brown body with a yellow patch near the eyes. Both the beak and its legs have a yellow colour. It feeds on insects, seeds, fruits etc.

Interesting to Know: They are believed to pair for life. It is an invasive species with an aggressive behaviour, often recorded to use the nests of other birds like woodpeckers and parakeets.

15. Common Hoopoe

Scientific Name : *Upupa epops*

Local Names :

Satut (Kashmiri), Hud Hud (Urdu),

Sukdudu (Dogri)

Family : *Upupidae*

Present Status:

Summer visitor to J&K

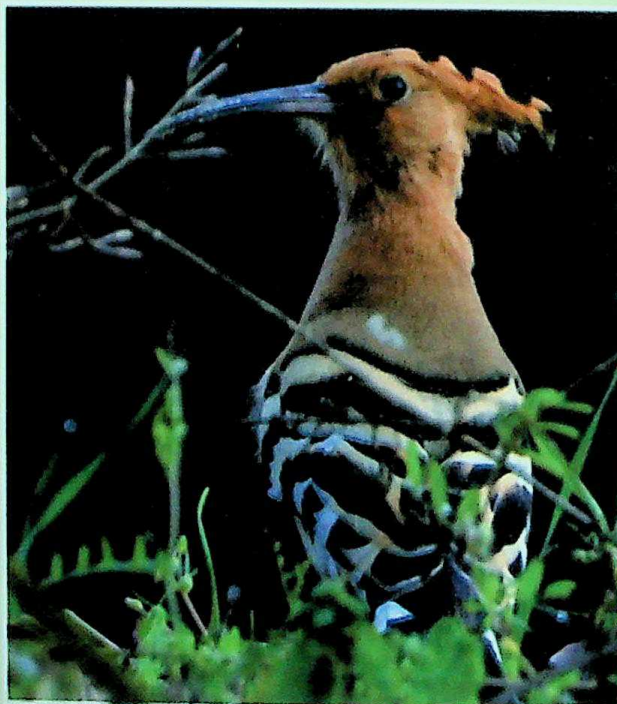


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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A colourful bird with rufous orange buff and along tapering beak. The wings and tail is black and white in colour. Looks like a giant butterfly in flight. Mostly feed on insects, seeds, berries etc. They mostly forage on the ground often seen striking hard on the ground with their bill

16. Grey Bushchat

Scientific Name: *Saxicola ferreus*

Local Names: *Dofa tiriv (Kashmiri)*

Family: *Muscicapidae*

Present Status: Resident and widespread in the plains of Jammu
(Left: Female, Right: Male)

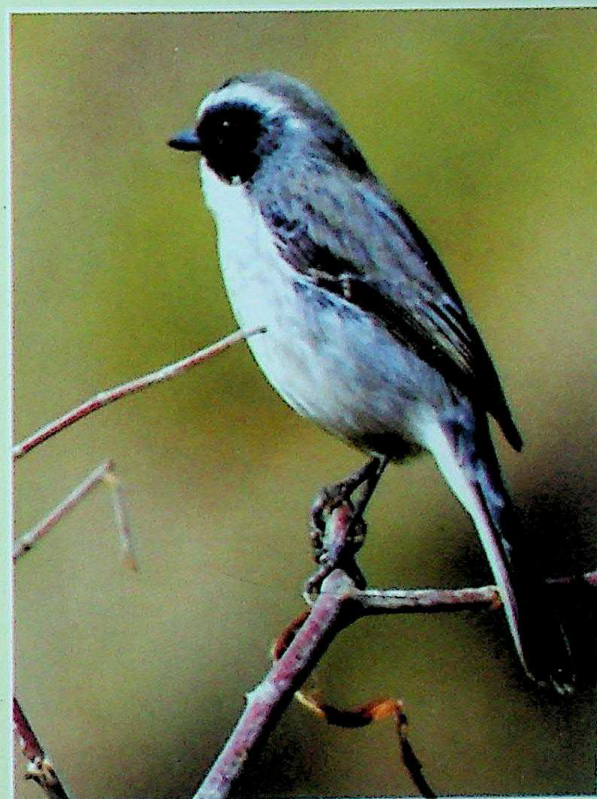
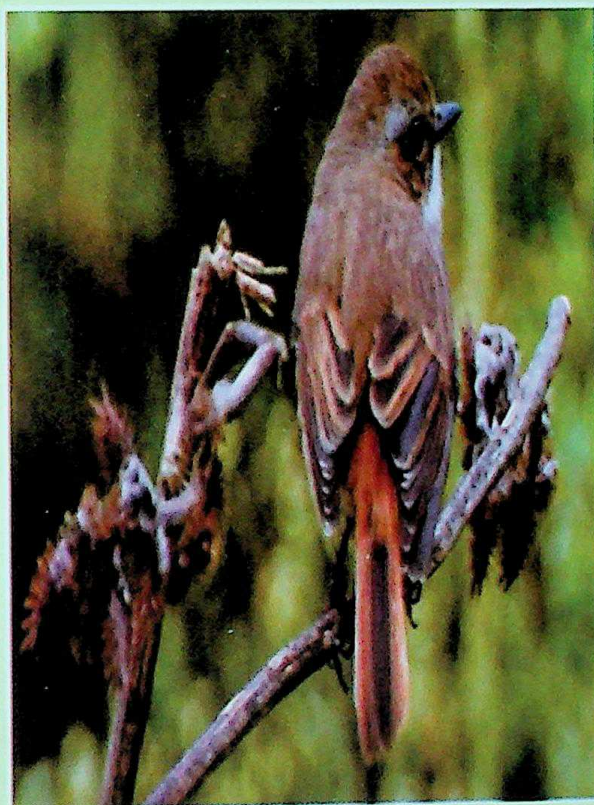


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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has been recorded at the high altitude (i.e Patnitop) as well as in the plains of Jammu region at the lowest altitudes. The male has grey to black under parts with a white supercilium. The under parts are whitish with a grey breast. The Female is darkish brown in colour with a rufous rump. It can be often seen feeding on insects around the bushes inside Raika environmental part.

17. Grey Hooded Warbler

Scientific Name :

Phylloscopus xanthoschistos

Local Names : Not known

Family : *Phylloscopidae*

Present Status:

Resident and widespread in almost all wooded areas of Jammu



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A species of leaf warbler famous for the way it warbles with a pale grey strip on the crown. The upperparts and wings are greenish. It has a small size often seen foraging on insects and is swift in the air. Its very common inside the Raika environmental park and its continuous song can be heard from a distance.

18. House Crow

Scientific Name : *Corvus splendens*

Local Names :

Kaav (Kashmiri), *Kavva* (Hindi), *Kowa* (Urdu)

Family : *Corvidae*

Present Status:

A widespread resident around all locations of J&K



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a whitish neck and rest of the parts are glossy black in colour. Juveniles lack the glossy colour. Its widely distributed across Jammu and can be often seen in groups around the human settlements and other wooded areas. They feed on insects, grains, fruits etc. They can survive on almost everything present around the vicinity.

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19. Himalayan Bulbul

Scientific Name : *Pycnonotus leucogenys*

Local Names :

Bil-vichur (Kashmiri), *Bulbul* (Urdu),

Peenja (Dogri)

Family : *Pycnonotidae*

Present Status:

Resident and widespread in J&K. Found in huge numbers at Raika.



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a white cheeked bulbul with a crest. The head, throat and crest are black & white. The under parts are greyish brown with a yellow vent. It is often seen in the gardens and around urban households. It feeds on insects, berries, seeds and fruits. It sings melodious songs and can be heard from a distance. In Jammu the species i.e Red Vented Bulbul is more in number.

20. House Sparrow

Scientific Name :

Passer domesticus

Local Names :

Tser (Kashmiri) *Chidia* (Hindi), *Gredi* (Dogri)

Family : *Passeridae*

Present Status:

It's a widespread resident all across J&K



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a small bird of the sparrow family. Males have a grey crown and chestnut brown flanking the sides. The under parts are grey or white. The male is larger in size than the female. The female has a pale buff below and above. The under parts are greyish white. The female has no black markings or grey crown. It feeds on grains and normally eats everything available. It's a social bird and tolerates a variety of climatic conditions.

21. Indian Grey Hornbill

Scientific Name : *Ocyrceros birostris*

Local Names :

Dhanesh (Hindi), Doaa (Dogri)

Family : *Bucerotidae*

Present Status:

Widespread in Raika and around the Jammu University Campus



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a large bird often seen in pairs with a grey colours feathers all over the body. It has a grey or black horn. The ear coverts are dark. It has a long tail and a red iris. They are also known to feed on the fruits of *Thevetia peruviana* which are toxic to other vertebrates. They can be often seen around the trees with fruits and produce a loud sound.

22. Indian Peafowl

Scientific Name : *Pavo cristatus*

Local Names : *Mor* (Hindi)

Family : *Phasianidae*

Present Status:

It's a resident species often found in the wooded area of Raika and around other parts of Jammu

(Upper Male, Lower Female)

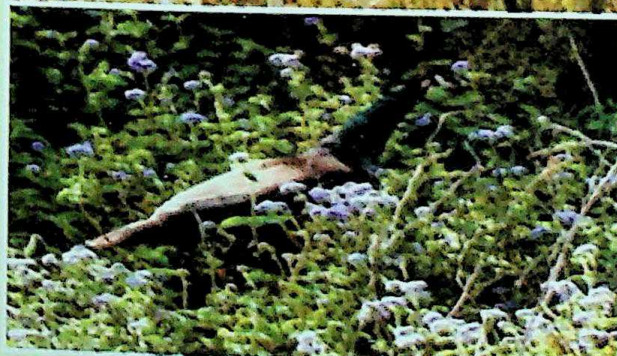
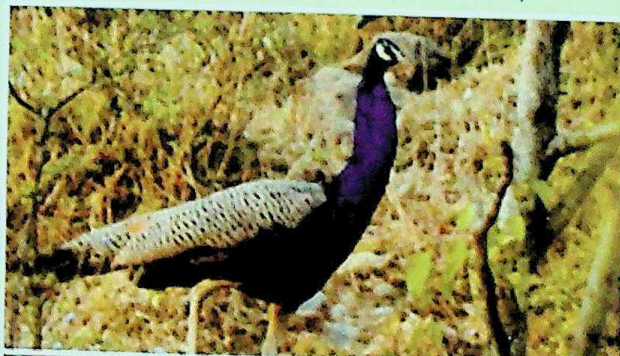


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Samba

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's the national bird of India with bright colours. The male has a blue neck and breast and has a wire like feathers. The tail is long made of feathers which is beautifully coloured. The female has a whitish throat and face. The under parts are brown with a white belly. They feed on berries, small rodents, often found on the ground in groups.

23. Jungle babbler

Scientific Name : *Turdoides striata*

Local Names :

Dadder, Farol, Sad (Dogri), Sat Bhai (Hindi)

Family : *Leiothrichidae*

Present Status:

Widely found in J&K



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It's a bird known for its noisy calls, often found in groups together. Popularly known by the name "Seven sisters". The wings are short and rounded with a greyish colour. It's a social bird found in both urban and wooded areas. Mainly feed on insects, seeds, fruits etc.

24. Long Tailed Shrike

Scientific Name : *Lanius schach*

Local Names :

Har Wataj (Kashmiri), Kasai Chidiya (Hindi)

Khirad (Dogri)

Family : *Laniidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

This species has a narrow black forehead with rufous colour on its sides and has a striking long tail. The beak and the legs are black in colour. It's often found in the scrub forests of Jammu plains and grasslands. Good at catching insects in the air

25. Laughing Dove

Scientific Name :

Stigmatopelia senegalensis

Local Names :

Ghuggi (Dogri), Fakhta (Urdu)

Family : Columbidae

Present Status:

Widespread in Jammu and other areas of the State.



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Narwal Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is a small pigeon with a fairly long tail. It is often seen feeding on the ground. The head is brownish pink along with under parts. A rufous and black necklace differentiates it from the other doves. It feeds on seeds and insects.

26. Lesser Golden back Woodpecker

Scientific Name :

Dinopium benghalense

Local Names :

Tarkham, Chidka (Dogri), Kathfora (Hindi)

Family : Picidae

Present Status:

Widespread in parts of Jammu and often spotted at Raika



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Jammu University

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is also known as 'Black Rumped Flameback'. A woodpecker with an undulating flight pattern. It has a black throat and golden yellow wings, with a black rump. The head is whitish with a black nape. Its often seen in pairs. Has a pointed bill and a long tongue that helps it to capture insects. It also feeds on nectar and termites.

27. Oriental Magpie Robin

Scientific Name: *Copsychus saularis*

Local Names: Kalchuri (Hindi), Gual Pidli (Dogri)

Family: *Muscicapidae*

Present Status: Widespread in almost all parts of Jammu



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

This bird has a long upright tail with a distinctive black and white coloured body. Males have a glossy blue-black head. Females have a bluish-grey head along with breast and under parts. Juvenile has an orange buff spotting. They often forage on the ground and sing beautiful songs during the morning hours. Feeds on insects, nectar etc.

Interesting To Know: It's the national bird of Bangladesh and known by the name "Doyel" It also appears in the currency notes of Bangladesh and a landmark in the city of Dhaka is named as "Doyel Chatwar" (meaning Doyel Square).

28. Oriental White eye

Scientific Name : *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Local Names :

Sitnyani (Hindi), Chitakkhi (Dogri)

Family : *Zosteropidae*

Present Status:

Widely found in Jammu and inside the wooded areas of raika.



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is a small passerine bird with a prominent white eye ring. The upper parts are greenish yellow and has a black bill. Rest of the under parts are whitish. It is often seen in small groups and help in pollination of flowers. They have been often seen bathing in the dew accumulated in flowers. They usually feed on nectar and fruits.

29. Purple Sunbird

Scientific Name : *Cinnyris asiaticus*

Local Names :

Shakarkhora (Urdu), Gulambru (Dogri)

Family : *Nectariniidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident in parts of Jammu



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Raika Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

The male has a glossy purple colour while as the female has yellowish under parts and an olive coloured throat. The upper parts of female are olive green. The beak is curved and they usually feed on nectar. Make a loud sound which can be heard from a distance. They are often sighted in pairs.

Interesting to Know: They have been known to live for 22 years and are important pollinators of *Butea monosperma*, *Woodfordia* spp. and *Acacia*'s.

30. Red Vented Bulbul

Scientific Name :

Pycnonotus cafer

Local Names :

Kali Bulbul (Hindi), Kala Peenja (Dogri)

Family : *Pycnonotidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident in parts of Jammu



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A member of the bulbul family with a black crested head, a tail with a black tip and has a red vent. It is more in number inside the Raika park than the Himalayan bulbul. It makes a cup shaped nest of roots in bushes and trees. Normally feeds on fruits, petals of flowers, nectar and insects.

31. Red Wattled Lapwing

Scientific Name : *Vanellus indicus*

Local Names :

Teteeri (Dogri), Hattaruru (Kashmiri)

Family : *Charadriidae*

Present Status:

Widely distributed in Jammu



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

Its famous for its Did I Do It Calls and is usually seen in pairs. Lays eggs on the ground. It has a black cap and a breast. The bill is red with a black tip and has yellow coloured legs. Its nests are difficult to find as they usually match the ground colour.

Interesting To Know: It's a local belief that the bird sleeps on its back with legs upwards and an associated metaphor *tithri se asman thama jayega* is used when referring to persons undertaking tasks beyond their capability.

32. Rufous Treepie

Scientific Name : *Dendrocitta vagabunda*

Local Names :

Laangad Dumba, Khappri (Dogri),

Mehlat Chand (Urdu)

Family : *Corvidae*

Present Status:

A widespread resident often seen at Raika park



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Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is a member of the crow family with a slaty grey hood and a long tail. It has a rufous brown body and pale grey wings. The wings also have a white patch on its sides. The beak is black in colour. It is known for its loud musical calls, is omnivorous and is opportunistic in feeding. It feeds on seeds, fruits and small reptiles

33. Rose Ringed Parakeet

Scientific Name : *Psittacula krameri*

Local Names : *Tota (Hindi)*

Toota (Hindi), Parrot (English)

Family : *Psittaculidae*

Present Status:

Widely distributed all over the State of J&K



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is greenish in colour with the male having a red ring around the neck. Males also have a black chin strip. It is widely found in the urban areas and is highly adaptive. Feeds on fruits, vegetables, nuts etc.

Interesting to Know: Its scientific name commemorates the Austrian naturalist Wilhelm Heinrich Kramer. They have the ability to mimic human speech as well.

34. Slaty Blue Flycatcher

Scientific Name :

Ficedula tricolor

Local Names : *Not Known*

Family : *Muscicapidae*

Present Status:

Summer visitor, occasionally found at
Raika Park



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a long tail. Male has blue upper parts with a blue forehead. Breast is whitish in colour. The female has brownish upper parts with a slightly whitish throat.

35. Scaly Breasted Munia

Scientific Name : *Lonchura punctulata*

Local Names : *Munia (Hindi)*

Family : *Estrildidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident

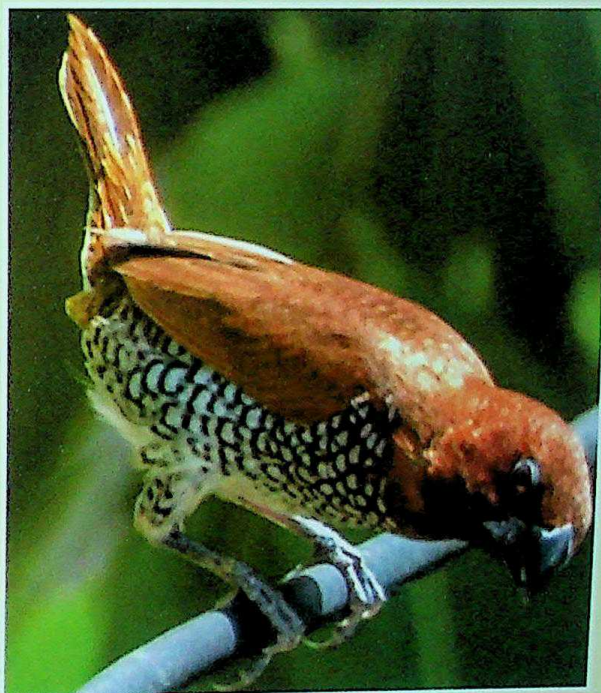


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Narval Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It is named after its scale like feathers. Adult has a chestnut brown face, throat and upper parts. The under parts are whitish. The juveniles are uniformly brownish. Feeds on grass seeds and flocks often in groups together. The bird is often tamed.

36. White Throated Kingfisher

Scientific Name : *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Local Names :

Kaudilla (Hindi), Machhmar (Dogri)

Family : *Halcyonidae*

Present Status:

Widespread resident found in almost all the locations of Jammu



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Narwal Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A large tree kingfisher with a red bill. The head is brown in colour and has a white throat. The upper parts are blue including the rump. Can be often seen around water bodies and gardens. It mainly feeds on insects, earthworms, fish, frogs etc.

37. Wall Creeper

Scientific Name : *Tichodroma muraria*

Local Names :

Lamba Dider (Kashmiri)

Family : *Tichodromadidae*

Present Status:

Resident & occasional

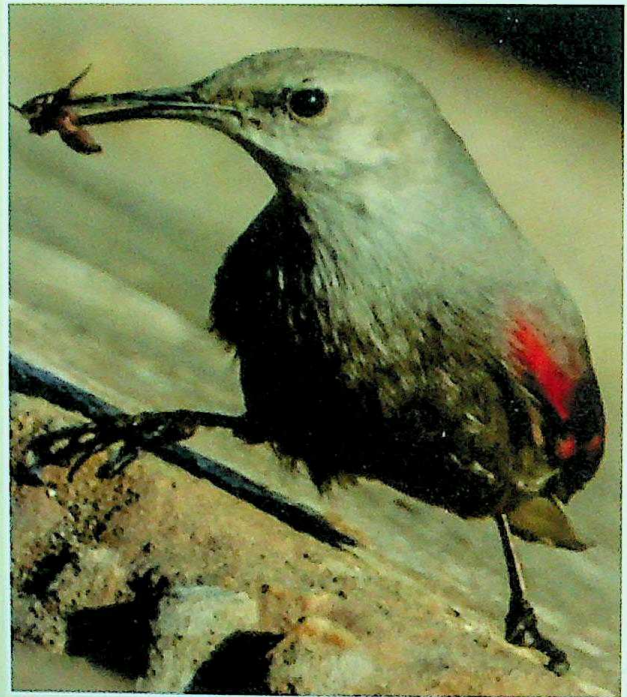


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River Tawi Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A small passerine bird with a long, black, curved bill and rounded wings. An adult male has a black throat. Adult female has a whitish chin. The sides of the wings are crimson in colour. Rest of the plumage is slightly greyish. They are insectivorous and very swift in the air.

38. White Throated Fantail

Scientific Name: *Rhipidura albicollis*

Local Names: *Pankh Dumi (Hindi)*

Family: *Rhipiduridae*

Present Status: Resident and widely distributed.



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Raika Jammu

ECOLOGICAL NOTES

A small passerine bird often found in the scrub forests of Jammu. It has a white throat and a dark fan shaped tail with whitish tips. It feeds mainly on insects. While moving around the branches it often fans its tail.

39. White Wagtail

Scientific Name : *Motacilla alba*

Local Names :

Dob-bai (Kashmiri), Mamola (Dogri),

Khanjan (Urdu)

Family : Motacillidae

Present Status:

Widely found in the entire Jammu region



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

It has a black and white head, grey or black mantle and white to black wing coverts. The juveniles have a grey head. It often wags its tail up and down. It Feeds on insects and other small invertebrates.

40. Yellow Bellied Fairy Fantail

Scientific Name :

Chelidorhynch hypoxantha

Local Names : Pankh Dumi (Hindi)

Family : Strenostiridae

Present Status:

Widespread and found in large numbers at Raika park



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ECOLOGICAL NOTES

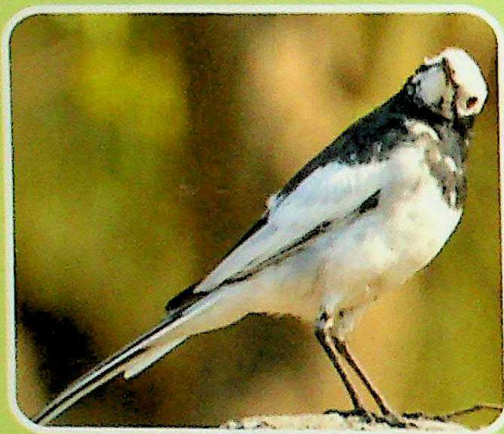
Its also known as "Yellow bellied fairy fantail". It has a yellow forehead with dark mask. The under parts are yellow with grey olive upper parts. The tail is blackish in colour which is tipped with white. It was formerly placed in fantails (Rhipiduridae) but now it has been transferred to Strenostiridae as it was found to be a close relative of fairy flycatcher through DNA analysis.



Ch. Lal Singh Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, J&K addressing the gathering on the occasion of Paryavaran Excursion at EP Raika.



Sh. O.P. Sharma, IFS DEER's interacting with students at SMVDSB University.



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